

  
**Denholme**  
**Urban District Council**

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# **Annual Report**

## **1947**

OF THE

**Medical Officer of Health**

FOR THE

**Denholme Urban Sanitary District**

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**J. BATTERSBY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.**



## INTRODUCTION.

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TOWN HALL,

SHIPLEY,

December, 1948.

**To the Members of the Health Committee of the  
Denholme Urban District Council.**

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for 1947 on the health and sanitary circumstances of Denholme.

The Divisional Scheme for Public Health Administration was inaugurated by the joint appointment with Shipley, Baildon and Bingley Urban District Councils of a full-time Medical Officer of Health, who assumed responsibility for County Health Services in the area. The Administrative Centre for the Division is the Town Hall, Shipley.

### **Statistics.**

The birth rate (21.68) exceeded that of the previous year (16.8), and the death rate was 16.07 against 17.7. Maternal mortality was nil, but I have to record three deaths of infants under 1 year of age.

### **Infectious Disease.**

Pneumonia proved the prevalent infectious disease in the second quarter of the year following a period of unusually severe weather. Thirteen cases were notified during this period. No cases of poliomyelitis were notified, despite epidemic prevalence throughout the country.

On the whole the year could not be considered unhealthy, in spite of unprecedented snow and a long hot Summer.

**Housing.**

Overcrowding is prevalent, and of necessity housing progress slow. The site chosen for the Council estate is most suitable, and the types of houses under construction satisfactory. It is hoped that in the forthcoming year the remainder of those under construction will be completed and occupied.

An early review of the sewage undertaking at Doe Park will be necessary.

I am indebted to the Clerk of the Council for assistance rendered and to Mr. Plummer, the Sanitary Inspector, for the returns of the year in which the Medical Officer of Health had but short acquaintance with the area.

Yours faithfully,

J. BATTERSBY.

## HEALTH, HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

W. H. Nicholson, J.P. (Chairman).

F. W. Delves (Vice-Chairman).

W. G. Foster, J.P.

J. Pickles.

A. S. Goodyear.

L. Driver.

L. Brooksbank.

J. Whitaker.

J. E. Robinson.

## OFFICERS.

### Medical Officer of Health :

John Battersby, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

### Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor :

Wm. H. Plummer, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

### Chief Clerk :

H. A. Roebuck, D.P.A.

## DENHOLME URBAN DISTRICT.

## Census, 1931.

Area	....	....	....	....	2,536 acres
Population	....	....	....	....	2,662

## Summary, 1947, and comparison with previous year.

					1946	1947
Area in acres	....	....	....	....	2,536	2,536
Population	....	....	....	....	2,435	2,490
Net estimated product 1d. rate	....	....	....	....	£53	£52.5
Rateable value	....	....	....	....	£13,735	£13,572
Estimated number of dwellinghouses	....	....	....	....	926	928
Live births	....	....	....	....	41	54
1947—Legitimate: Male, 21; Female, 30.						
Illegitimate: Male, 3; Female, Nil.						
Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	....	....	....	....	16.8	21.68
Still birth rate (per 1,000 population)	....	....	....	....	.40	Nil
Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	43	40
1947—Males, 16; Females, 24.						
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	....	....	....	....	17.7	16.07
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	....	....	....	....	Nil	Nil
Deaths from puerperal sepsis	....	....	....	....	Nil	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	....	....	....	....	Nil	Nil
Deaths from other puerperal causes	....	....	....	....	Nil	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	....	....	....	....	Nil	Nil
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	....	....	....	....	Nil	3
RATE {	All infants per 1,000 live births	....	....	....	Nil	55.55
	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	Nil	58.82
	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	Nil	Nil
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	....	....	....	....	6	6
Death rate from cancer per 1,000 of estimated resident population	....	....	....	....	2.46	2.40

	1946	1947
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ....	Nil	1
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages) ....	Nil	Nil
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil	1
Deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis ....	Nil	Nil
Death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis per 1,000 of estimated resident population	Nil	Nil
Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis ....	Nil	1
Death rate from all forms of tuberculosis per 1,000 of estimated resident population	Nil	0.40
Percentage of births occurring in Institutions, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, etc. ....	—	44.44
Percentage of deaths occurring in Institutions, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, etc. ....	—	15.00

A dash (—) indicates no figure available.

No. of Deaths in 1946	DEATHS 1947	Male	Female	All Persons	% of Total Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 Inhabitants
43	All causes ... ..	16	24	40	100	16.07
—	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ...	—	—	—	—	—
—	Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
—	Scarlet Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	—	—	—	—	—
—	Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	1	—	1	2.5	0.40
—	Syphilitic Diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Influenza ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Measles ... ..	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
—	Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio-enceph.	—	—	—	—	—
—	Acute infective Encephalitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Cancer of B. Cav. and œsoph. (M), Uterus (F)	—	—	—	—	—
2	Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ..	1	—	1	2.5	0.40
—	Cancer of Breast ... ..	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
4	Cancer of all other sites ... ..	1	3	4	10.0	1.6
—	Diabetes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
7	Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions ... ..	1	3	4	10.0	1.6
18	Heart Disease ... ..	6	10	16	40.0	6.4
—	Other diseases of Circulatory System ...	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
2	Bronchitis ... ..	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
1	Pneumonia ... ..	1	—	1	2.5	0.40
—	Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	1	—	1	2.5	0.40
1	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	—	—	—	—	—
—	Diarrhoea under 2 years ... ..	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
—	Appendicitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
1	Other Digestive Diseases ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
2	Nephritis ... ..	2	—	2	5.0	0.80
—	Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis ...	—	—	—	—	—
—	Other Maternal causes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Premature Birth ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Congen. Mal., Birth Inj., Infant., Dis.	—	—	—	—	—
—	Suicide ... ..	—	1	1	2.5	0.40
—	Road Traffic Accidents ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
—	Other violent causes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
5	All other causes ... ..	2	1	3	7.5	1.2



Birth-rates, Civilian Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1947 for

England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns, and for Denholme Urban District.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Ad- ministrative County	Denholme
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.					
Births—					
Live     ....     ....     ....	20.5†	23.3	22.2	22.7	21.68
Still     ....     ....     ....	0.50†	0.62	0.54	0.49	0.00
Deaths—					
All Causes     ....     ....	12.0†	13.0	11.9	12.8	16.07
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever     ....     ....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough     ....     ....	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00
Diphtheria     ....     ....	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Influenza     ....     ....	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.00
Smallpox     ....     ....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles     ....     ....	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.40
Rates per 1,000 Live Births.					
Deaths under 1 year of age	41‡	47	36	37	56
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age     ....     ....     ....	5.8	8.0	3.7	4.8	18.50
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.					
Notifications—					
Typhoid Fever     ....	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever     ....	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro Spinal Fever     ....	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.80
Scarlet Fever     ....     ....	1.37	1.54	1.37	1.31	2.00
Whooping Cough     ....     ....	2.22	2.41	2.02	2.80	0.40
Diphtheria     ....     ....	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.00
Erysipelas     ....     ....	0.19	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.00
Smallpox     ....     ....	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Measles     ....     ....	9.41	9.13	9.58	5.29	4.01
Pneumonia     ....     ....	0.79	0.89	0.68	0.64	6.09
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (Live and Still)					
Notifications—					
Puerperal Fever     } Puerperal Pyrexia     }	7.16	8.99	6.27	{ 1.21 §6.94	0.00 0.00
Maternal Mortality     ....	England and Wales     ....     .... Denholme     ....     ....				1.17 0.00
Mortality per million women, age 15-45.					
Abortion     ....     ....	England and Wales     ....     .... Denholme     ....     ....				14 nil

‡1,000 related births. †Rates per 1,000 total population. §Including Puerperal Fever.

### **Social Conditions.**

Denholme is an isolated town with an elevation of about 1,000 ft. above mean sea level and 7 miles distant from Halifax, Keighley and Bradford to the North, South and West respectively. The environs are rural; road gradients steep, and the area forms a natural water gathering ground with numerous reservoirs. The compact township is a centre of industrial and shopping activity and roads radiate and provide access to neighbouring large towns. The density of population is approximately one person per acre.

The basic industry is spinning, weaving and the manufacture of worsteds, knitting wools and yarns. Other industries include silk weaving, joinery and leather production, stone quarrying and saw mills. Forty farms produce milk and rear cattle.

The social life of the district provides educational, cultural and recreational amenities. Churches are numerous and form active centres of community life. There are two schools, with accommodation for 200 pupils. The Mechanics Institute, Picture House and play-grounds provide diversions for the population. Relative isolation promotes a hardy, independent spirit, and at the same time fuses communal interests.

### **General Provision of Health Services in the Area.**

A scheme of divisional administration for the area has been instituted. The Medical Officer of Health of the Sanitary District holds a similar appointment for Shipley, Bingley and Baildon, and is Divisional Medical Officer for the County area composed of these Sanitary Authorities. Generally speaking, environmental sanitation remains the responsibility of the Urban District and major Services such as Maternity and Child Welfare and the School Medical Service are controlled by the County Council.

Denholme Clinic held fortnightly sessions on a Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Chapel, attended by a Doctor and Health Visitor, with the valuable assistance of voluntary workers.

Facilities were provided for the care of expectant and nursing mothers, infants and school children, and a wide range of infant foods were provided under recommendation of the Medical Officer.

**Hospital Services.** Hospital Services remained unchanged during the year. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to Morton Banks, Keighley, and the General Hospitals of Bradford, Halifax and Keighley serve non-infectious cases.

**Home Nursing Service.** The Home Nursing Service was controlled by the Denholme District Nursing Association, who supplied a District Nurse who is also a registered Midwife. Accommodation for maternity cases in Hospital and Nursing Home was met at Keighley, Bradford or Halifax. The Divisional Administrative Scheme will in 1948 incorporate District Nursing and ultimately provide a comprehensive Domiciliary Service with the addition of Home Helps.

**Ambulance Service.** (a) Infectious cases are transported by the Ambulance from Morton Banks Hospital, Keighley.

(b) General and Accident Cases. The District is served by St. John's Ambulance from Bradford and emergency calls for road accidents from Keighley.

**Laboratory Services.** Arrangements were completed for the examination of all types of pathological and bacteriological specimens at the Regional Laboratory, Bradford. This includes throat and nose swabs, sputum, faeces and blood taken from individual patients, and public health examination of drinking water, milk, ice cream and other foodstuffs. Field work by the Director of the Laboratory and the Medical Officer of Health will be conducted as necessary. Prophylactic reagents for instance diphtheria toxoid, vaccine lymph, etc., will be distributed. The proximity of the Laboratory will expedite reports and necessary action.

**Mortuary.** The Council have previously arranged with Shipley Urban District Council for the use of their Mortuary at Shipley, and if necessary postmortems are conducted there.

### Infectious Disease.

Pneumonia (19 cases) accounted for half the notifications received. Thirteen were notified during the second quarter of 1947. The total (38) includes 9 cases of whooping cough. Five cases of scarlet fever were notified.

Apart from tuberculosis and pneumonia only 2 deaths were attributable to infectious disease, one from cerebro spinal fever and one following measles. It is satisfactory to report that no cases of diphtheria were notified in the area.

**Immunisation against Diphtheria.** Age group records of immunisation in relation to child population are not available for any considerable period. An estimate of 85 per cent. of school children immunised was returned in the 1946 Report, and on the records compiled for 1947 this would certainly appear to be lower. The Divisional scheme will enable the Public Health Department to compile and maintain records of each child. Meantime the Return for 1947 is appended.

Under 1	1 +	2 +	3 +	4 +	5—9	10—14	Total
2	9	13	4	1	1	—	30

### Tuberculosis.

There were two notifications (1 male and 1 female) and no deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The corresponding figures for Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were no notifications and 1 death (1 male). One case was admitted to a Sanatorium during the year.



Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1947.

Monthly Incidence of Notifications.

Disease.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Smallpox	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	5
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	...	3	1	5	7	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	19
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Anterior Polio-myelitis	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	...	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	4	—	—	9
Whooping Cough	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dysentery	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Food Poisoning	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pemphigus Neonatorum	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monthly Totals	...	4	4	1	6	8	2	1	4	2	—	2	38

## Notification of, and Deaths from, Infectious Diseases, 1947.

Disease Notified.	Under 1 Year	AGE GROUPS										Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
		1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—	65 and Over		
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	1	1	8	19	—	1 (M)
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1 (F)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Anterior Polio-myelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	1	1	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	9	—	1 (M)
Whooping Cough ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pemphigus Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	3	1	—	2	2	12	2	—	1	3	9	38	6	3

## REPORT ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1947.

Compiled by the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. W. H. Plummer),  
who is also the Council's Surveyor.

### Water Supply.

Water is collected on the Thornton Moor Catchment Area, and distributed by Bradford Corporation, the greater portion of the watershed lying within the Denholme Urban District. Of 928 dwelling houses, no less than 887 have a piped supply. The remainder, being in the outlying districts, rely on springs and wells, which give a fairly good supply.

### Sewerage and Drainage.

The whole of the built-up area is serviced by main sewers, which gravitate to two sewage works. One at Doe Park deals with an estimated D.W.F. of 41,250 gallons per day; the other, of more modern construction, at Whalley Lane, deals with an estimated D.W.F. of 7,875 gallons per day.

The sparsely populated southern end of the district is unsewered. A number of houses have drain connections to septic tanks.

### Rivers and Streams.

One small stream, formed mostly from the reservoir overflow remains comparatively free from pollution.

### Closet Accommodation.

Total number of closets	....	....	....	....	....	994
Total number of fresh water closets	....	....	....	....	....	858
Percentage of closets on water carriage system	....	....	....	....	....	86.3
Number of privies with open middens	....	....	....	....	....	4
Number of pail or tub closets	....	....	....	....	....	80
Number of waste water closets	....	....	....	....	....	17
Number of privies reconstructed as W.C.s	....	....	....	....	....	1

Number of closets other than privies reconstructed as W.C.s	....	....	....	....	....	1
Number of privies reconstructed as pail closets	....	....	....	....	....	35
Number of water closets constructed in new houses	....	....	....	....	....	12
Number of chemical closets	....	....	....	....	....	6

### Public Cleansing.

The scavenging of the district is carried out by the Council's workmen with hired team labour. A weekly collection from bins and pails is maintained, and privies are emptied every 14-21 days. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council's two tips.

The total annual cost of this service was £456 6s. 3d.

Salvage continued to play an important part in the Council's scavenging service, collections amounting to:—

Waste paper	....	....	....	13½ tons
Food waste	....	....	....	18¼ tons
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	2 tons

The total of Salvage sold was £132.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The following is a tabular statement of inspections made:—

Inspections for nuisances in 1947	....	....	....	....	952
Nuisances found	....	....	....	....	37
Nuisances in hand at end of year 1946	....	....	....	....	2
Total needing abatement	....	....	....	....	39
Nuisances abated in 1947	....	....	....	....	36
Nuisances outstanding at end of 1947	....	....	....	....	3
Informal notices served	....	....	....	....	37
Informal notices complied with	....	....	....	....	34
Statutory notices served	....	....	....	....	Nil
Statutory notices complied with	....	....	....	....	Nil
Inspections of:—					
Manure middensteads	....	....	....	....	10
Refuse receptacles	....	....	....	....	125
Offensive Trades	....	....	....	....	9
Piggeries	....	....	....	....	3



Knacker's Yard	....	....	....	....	....	4
Horse Slaughterhouse	....	....	....	....	....	75
Verminous and dirty premises	....	....	....	....	....	4
Rodent Control	....	....	....	....	....	20
Drainage Works	....	....	....	....	....	40
Places of entertainment	....	....	....	....	....	2

#### Summary of Sanitary Works executed.

New drains laid and tested (water test)	....	....	....	60
House drains cleared of obstruction	....	....	....	15
Public sewers cleansed	....	....	....	8
New lengths of sewer constructed	....	....	....	9
Drains tested by means of colour	....	....	....	15
Inspection chambers provided	....	....	....	20
Eaves, gutters repaired or renewed	....	....	....	50
Fall pipes fixed	....	....	....	17
Sinks provided	....	....	....	10
W.C. basins renewed	....	....	....	8
Accumulations of offensive matter removed	....	....	....	2
Privy pails renewed	....	....	....	6
Dustbins provided	....	....	....	25
Disused ashplaces demolished	....	....	....	2

#### Knacker's Yard.

There is one knacker's yard in the district; 10 visits have been made during the year. The premises are on a farm and the Rodent Control Division of the W.R.W.A.E.C. have carried out two poison bait treatments against rat infestation.

#### Offensive Trade Premises.

The only offensive trade in the district is one of bone boiling. 10 visits have been made during the year.

#### Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919.

##### Infestation Order, 1943.

This work is carried out by one of the Council's workmen under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector. Test baiting and maintenance treatment of the sewers was carried out with satisfactory results. The Council's tips were also baited.

In addition, 20 complaints of a minor nature were dealt with.

### Factories Act, 1937.

There are 13 factories with power and 5 factories without power in the district.

	No.	No. of Inspections.	Notices served.
Factories with power ....	13	30	2
Factories without power ....	5	10	Nil

Of the defects found, one related to insufficient closet accommodation, and the other to an accumulation of refuse. Both notices were complied with.

### Smoke Abatement.

Ten smoke observations have been taken, and in no instance was there any infringement of the byelaws.

### Housing.

The total number of houses in the district is 928. There is an unsatisfied demand for houses, and the Council have building sites available for 54 houses, of which the first allocation of 20 is well in hand. At the end of the year the first 3 had become occupied.

### Housing Statistics.

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year 1947.

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects  
(under the Public Health and Housing Acts) .... 20

Number of notices served in respect of repair:—

(a) Preliminary	....	....	....	....	....	10
(b) Statutory	....	....	....	....	....	Nil
Number of notices complied with	....	....	....	....	....	9
Re-inspections	....	....	....	....	....	30
Visits in connection with applications for Civil Building Licences	....	....	....	....	....	108

### Housing defects remedied in 1947.

New floors laid in asphalt	....	....	....	....	....	13
Fireplace renewals	....	....	....	....	....	25
Hot water installations	....	....	....	....	....	4
Baths provided	....	....	....	....	....	5
Repairs to windows	....	....	....	....	....	30
Repairs to doors, cupboards and woodwork	....	....	....	....	....	15
Ventilation of rooms improved	....	....	....	....	....	4
Outer walls repointed	....	....	....	....	....	6
Repairs to chimneys	....	....	....	....	....	6
Damp walls remedied	....	....	....	....	....	4

No houses were demolished or represented for that purpose.

### Overcrowding.

6 cases of overcrowding have been relieved during the year. No reliable figure exists for the number of overcrowded families in existence.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

#### Milk Supply.

Registered wholesale milk producers	....	....	....	....	21
Registered retail milk producers	....	....	....	....	4
Registered non-resident purveyors	....	....	....	....	4
Total number of cows (approx.)	....	....	....	....	400
Total number of cowsheds	....	....	....	....	51
Producers of Accredited Milk	....	....	....	....	7
Producers of Ungraded Milk	....	....	....	....	14
Total number of inspections	....	....	....	....	40
Total number of inspections of cowsheds	....	....	....	....	90

The milk produced is generally of a good standard. The district is elevated, exposed and windswept and this may account for the fact that most of the stock kept is young which may be a contributory factor to the quality of milk produced. Methods of production are improving greatly, and there is a growing tendency towards accredited production.

**Ice Cream.**

There are two registered manufacturers producing cold mix ice cream, and three registered purveyors.

12 inspections were made and the premises were all in a satisfactory condition.

**Food Preparing Premises.**

3 premises are registered and were visited on 6 occasions. Improvements were carried out at 2 of the premises, including the provision of hot water supply.

**Bakehouses.**

There are 3 bakehouses in the district. 12 visits were paid and the premises found to be in a satisfactory condition.

**Meat Inspections.**

There is no public abattoir in the district. One slaughterhouse is licensed for the slaughter of horses for human consumption and was re-opened for this purpose early in the year. 75 inspections were made.

**Condemnations:—**

Carcases and offal of horses	....	....	....	630	lbs.
Part carcasses of horses	....	....	....	238	lbs.
Offal	....	....	....	40	lbs.
Canned meat (in shops)	....	....	....	60½	lbs.

**Other Foods.**

The quantity of other foods condemned amounted to 165 lbs.







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